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COLLEGE REPORT

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Each year thousands of youngsters drop out of school thereby shortcutting their futures.

The reason most often is not a lack of intelligence, but a lack of interest in learning. Simply put, these disenchanted, disinterested drop-outs see no reward in the acquisition of knowledge.

I wouldn't venture to guess at how many words have been written and spoken about this problem—at how many tongues have clucked and how many statements have been made that something should be done about it. It is, indeed, a monumental problem, so complicated that it staggers the will of those who would cope with it by its very preponderance.

THE CHINESE, have a saying, however, that the journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step. This quarter on the campus of Dominguez Hills State College a small band of students took this first step.

Headed by a remarkable young man, Ed Kerr, a junior from Redondo Beach, this group of 20 students are completing plans to implement an exciting tutorial program—an effort to specifically deal with under-achievers in the elementary grades.

I talked with the program director, Ed Kerr, at some length before writing this column. He informed me that the Los Angeles County Office of Urban Affairs has helped him choose a community school to cooperate in the program.

LEAPWOOD Elementary School, because of its proximity to the college campus, offered an ideal situation for launching the program. The principal and teachers at Leapwood greeted the student proposal with genuine enthusiasm. They cooperated by offering to identify those students who, in their estimation, might benefit most from the tutorial program.

For the benefit of the readers of this column, I posed a number of specific questions to Ed Kerr:

Whom will you tutor?
"Educationally disadvantaged children who are lacking certain advantages other children have: encouragement; helpful experiences outside of school. These children are often behind in their school achievement and may not succeed without the help of an interested adult who wants to help and can help."

What subjects will you tutor?
"Primarily reading, arithmetic, and spelling on the elementary level."

What can you do for these students?
"Give them the extra help they need to succeed in school so they will have a chance to become successful citizens in later life. Raise their level of self-esteem, aspiration and motivation by setting a good example. Offering encouragement and helping them become more efficient and self-reliant."

What qualifications must you have?
"You must have a warm and sincere interest in school age children. Aside from this, the average college student can help."

Who will help you in this program?
"The entire body of resources of CSC-DH and Leapwood School are behind this project. Coordinators will help a tutor improve his teaching skills when needed. Leapwood teachers will advise tutors of their subject's needs and difficulties."

How does the tutor benefit?
"He or she can benefit in many ways. There is the satisfaction that comes from helping a youngster who needs help and from watching him benefit from that effort. Our tutors know that they are involved in a project which can be of significant influence upon the lives of our future citizens. A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

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Tartar Teen Talk

By Pam Anderson

"That's your team out there! So yell!" scream the cheerleaders. Why do cheerleaders have to plead with the students to join in the cheers? "Support the student body and sell magazines" reads the daily bulletin. Why does student council have to beg the students day after day to take part in the school magazine drive?

And why do Tartar Knights and Ladies have to issue citations for littering the campus and why can we eat only in the areas surrounding the cafeteria where most of the trash containers are?

THE ANSWER to all these questions is lack of school spirit. Yes, you have heard this accusation before and will again. School spirit—where has it all gone? But think—where HAS it all gone?

Ask any member of the football team and they'll tell you that when the going gets rough, he can look up in the stands and the cheering not only brings the incentive and willingness to win but also the knowledge that the school is behind him. The team believes school spirit is important and so do the coaches. They feel that it has a great effect on how the boys will play.

"You can hear the fans and when you know they are cheering for you, it makes you want to win even more. So you play harder," said one Tartar player.

SCHOOL spirit can also be directly responsible for their

new press box the student council wants to purchase for the football stadium. And school spirit is the answer to the Peace Corp's pleas for new classrooms in South America. For school spirit can boost the magazine drive to an all-time high and bring in the money for a new press box, a classroom in South America, and a dozen other items the school needs.

The moral of the lecture? Tonight go home and try a little harder to sell one more magazine subscription. And the next time there's a rally, give up a little time and go to make the team feel good. And this Friday, cheer a little louder at the football game and show a little more enthusiasm because you know it's important to the team effort.

Do like one of the cheers says, ". . . show a little bit of Tartar pride!" And you know you might even surprise yourself and find that you're having a good time, all because you know the school spirit secret.

Road Project Due to Begin

A highway improvement project on the west side of Main Street near Lifford and Francisco streets is slated to begin this week, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Work will consist of constructing asphaltic-concrete pavement to join curb and gutter recently installed under County permits by owners of adjacent properties.

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Assault Charges Reduced

Two of the seven teenage boys arrested last week for harrasing two Torrance families have had their charges changed from assault with a deadly weapon to disturbing the peace.

The two whose charges were lowered are Philip Holst, 18, and Fred Hansen, 18, both of Torrance.

One of the boys, 16-year-old Joe Khan of Wilmington, has now been charged with petty theft.

The gang was arrested Oct. 22 for besieging the duplex home of the Anthony Chirello and Richard Haldi families.

Spartan Speaker Honored

Lynn Curtis, student president at South High and a member of the school's speech team, has been awarded the Double Ruby award by the National Forensic League.

The Double Ruby award is the highest honor given by the national organization for participation in speech tournaments, according to Mrs. Marsha Bradley, speech instructor and coach of the Spartan team.

The Spartan speakers will compete in tournaments at North High, Tustin, Pasadena, and Claremont College during the coming weeks.

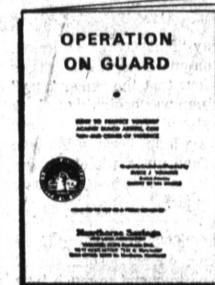
3920 Pacific Coast Hwy., yelling threats and obscenities, police said. The boys carried thongs, sticks, and iron pipes, and pelleted the families with rocks, officers said. Others arrested were Danny Vladimir, 19, of Torrance; Duane Cree, 22, of Hermosa Beach; Bruce Robie, 18, of Torrance; and Louis Reyes, 17, of Torrance.

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